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SUBJ: EXERCISE BUFFALO GRASS

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1. WE RECEIVED TODAY WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM FCO RE
REFTEL A AS FOLLOWS:

"FURTHER TO YOUR LETTER OF 24 JUNE TO TEDDY JACKSON
AND OUR SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, I AM
WRITING TO CONFIRM HMG'S AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO THE
PROPOSED 'BUFFALO GRASS' TRAINING EXERCISE SUBJECT TO
DETAILED FLIGHT INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED THROUGH THE
USUAL CHANNELS IN ADVANCE OF EACH MISSION. IN THIS
CONNECTION WE WERE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ORAL CONFIRMATION
THAT THE EXERCISE WILL INVOLVE NO LOW-LEVEL FLYING OVER
THE UK.

"AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED
PRESS LINE AND QUESTION AND ANSWER BRIEF IN YOUR LETTERS
OF 4 AND 5 AUGUST TO TEDDY JACKSON. AS REGARDS YOUR QUERY
ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT PRIOR TO
THE EXERCISE, WE WOULD NOT THINK THIS NECESSARY SO FAR AS
THE UK IS CONCERNED THOUGH IF YOU OR THE FEDERAL GERMAN
GOVERNMENT SHOULD WISH TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT WE WOULD

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NOT OBJECT TO YOUR DOING SO; NOR WOULD WE NEED TO DENY,

IF ASKED, THAT THE AIRCRAFT WERE PASSING OVER THE UK."

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